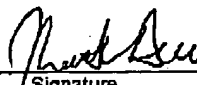


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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